

Notices to Consignees.

"SOPHIE" FROM LONDON.
CONSIGNMENT of Goods by the above vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their goods. Cargo impeding discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. **BIRLEY & Co.**
Hongkong, January 28, 1868.

"VIRGEN DEL CARMEN," FROM MANILA.
CONSIGNMENT of Goods by the above-named Vessel, will please send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
Hongkong, December 16, 1867.

THE following cases have been landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees, who are requested to take immediate delivery.
Ex "Alphie," 4th September, 1867.
H. M. & Co. 1 Case Sundries.
Ex "Tigre," 5th December.
1 Basket Feathers.
G. in diamond, 1 Case Watches.

RT 551 1 Case Paper.
B 551 1 Case Paper.
Ex "Cambodia," 6th February.
JM 1702 1 Case Rifles.
LE 1702 1 Case Rifles.
MB 1657 5 Cases Sundries.
170 1 Case Sundries.
OF 38 1 Case Sundries.
EMA 1 Case Cloth.
TM 25 Packages Cane.
HK 8 Bales Hops.
1 Case Capalaga.
1 Case Cloth.
10 Chests Opium.
2 Cases Pictures.
1 Case Handkerchiefs.
1 Case Boots.
1 Case Saps.
1 Case Rifles.
Capt. G. W. Thompson 1 Case.

U. BERTRAND, Principal Agent.
4, 207 Hongkong, 7th February, 1868.

Notices of Firms.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. A. D. MITCHELL in our Firm, ceased on the 31st day of December, 1867.
A. FERGUSON & Co.
Hongkong, January 3, 1868.

FROM and after this date Mr. GEORGE F. BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port.
S. L. PHELPS, Agent.
Hongkong, August 16, 1867.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. A. FERGUSON in our Firm, ceased on the 1st day of November, 1866.
A. FERGUSON & Co.
Hongkong, January 3, 1868.

THE Business will be henceforth carried on under the same name by the Undersigned.
A. D. MITCHELL, J. D. MEYERS, and HENRY FEHRS.
Hongkong, December 16, 1867. d 16-68

DURING the absence of Mr. SHERIFF from the Colony, Mr. T. CUSHING LADD is authorized to sign our firm per pro. **LADD & Co.**
Hongkong, January 16, 1868.

MR. THOMAS PYKE has this day been admitted a Partner in our Firm. **BIRLEY & Co.**
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself in business as Merchant and Commission Agent, under the style or Firm of KHAKKE MAHOMED KUTOBRA.
KHAKKE MAHOMED KUTOBRA.
Hongkong, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
DURING the absence of Mr. SHERIFF from the Colony, Mr. T. CUSHING LADD is authorized to sign our firm per pro. **LADD & Co.**
Hongkong, January 16, 1868.

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned having disposed of their Business as Shipwrights, &c. to Messrs. J. McDONALD & Co., and being about to leave the Colony, request all parties having any CLAIMS against them to send them in for payment on or before the 10th inst., and all parties INDEBTED to the Firm are requested to make immediate payment.
ROSS THOMPSON & Co.
Spring Gardens, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself at this port as General Commission Merchant under the style and Firm of GIFFORD PARKER & Co.
GIFFORD PARKER & Co.
Falgun, December 20, 1867.

Notices of Firms.

WE have authorized Mr. CHAS. BUNDE to sign our Firm from this date. **DREYER & Co.**
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
AS my Engagement ceases in May next, all outstanding Accounts for the past Two Years must be sent in immediately for payment.
MARY HASTELAND RANDLE, Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. SIDNEY DEACON is authorized to sign our Firm per pro. from this date. **DEACON & Co.**
Canton, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr. C. JAMESON in our Firm ceased on the 30th September last.
The Business will in future be carried on by Mr. Z. BARTON under the Name or Style of JAMESON & BARTON, as heretofore.
JAMESON & BARTON.
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.
MY Business, as Ship and Insurance Broker, Commission Agent, &c. hitherto carried on by myself, will henceforward be conducted under the style or Firm of J. S. HOOK, Son & Co.
J. S. HOOK.
Hongkong, September 23, 1867.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. T. KUMMERBACHER in our Firm ceased on the 31st December, 1867.
SANDER & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1868.

New Advertisements.

CLUB LUSITANO THEATRE.
GRAND CONCERT
BY
Signora DE PONTI, PRIMA-DONNA SOPRANO, Signor RIMA, BARTON, and Signor TUNO, PRIMO-TENORE.
Late of the Royal Italian Opera Company, on
WEDNESDAY EVENING,
The 13th Feb, 1868.
At half-past eight o'clock precisely.

PROGRAMME.
1st Part.
1. Romanza, from the Opera Y due Foscari (Verdi), BARTON.
2. Romanza, from the Opera Le Due Illustre Rivali (Mercadenti), TENORE.
3. Romanza, from the Opera Lucrezia Borgia (Donizetti), SOPRANO.
4. Duo, from the Opera Lucrezia Borgia (Donizetti), SOPRANO & TENORE.
(Interval of 10 Minutes).

2nd Part.
5. Romanza, from the Opera Pelagio (Mercadenti), TENORE.
6. Il Bacio Valzer, (Arditi), SOPRANO.
7. Aria, from Beatrice di Tenda, (Bellini), BARTON.
8. Duo, from Puritani, (Bellini), SOPRANO & TENORE.
(Interval of 10 Minutes).

3rd Part.
SECOND ACT OF
LUOREZIA BORGIA.
Aria, SOPRANO & BARTON.
Duo, SOPRANO & BARTON.
Trio, SOPRANO & BARTON.
Grand Duo Finale, SOPRANO & TENORE.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:
Box to hold six Persons, \$15.
Stall, 2.

Tickets to be had at Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.'s, Club Lusitano, Hotel d'Europe, and at the door of the Theatre on the night of Performance.
Hongkong, February 10, 1868.

"CARMARTHENSHIRE," FROM LONDON.
CONSIGNMENT of Goods by the above-named Vessel are requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
SHERIFF & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1868.

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Falgun, December 20, 1867.

New Advertisements.

ARMY CONTRACTS, 1868-1869.
SEALED TENDERS in duplicate, marked outside "Tenders for Army Contracts," will be received by the Undersigned until Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February, 1868, from persons willing to contract for such quantities of Commissariat Supplies, Hospital Supplies, or for the performance of Barrack and Hospital Services, such as washing and repairing Bedding, Utensils, &c., as may from time to time be required for the use of Her Majesty's troops in the Island of Hongkong or its outposts, during the year commencing 1st April, 1868. Forms of Tenders (no other than those issued by the Commissariat will be received) and Conditions of Contract, with any further information that may be required, can be obtained on application to the Commissariat, Barrack or Purveying Department for the respective Supplies and Services. Each Tender to be signed by two responsible persons, willing to become surety for the right tendering.
The right of rejecting the lowest or any Tender is reserved.
REDMOND UNIAKKE, Dep. Commis. Gen.
Controller's Office, Commissariat, Hongkong, February 5, 1868.

W. P. MOORE.
RETURNS his sincere thanks to the Publishers of the "China Mail" for the kind notice of his efforts as a highly appreciated. He is ever to be found at the old Stand, Corner of Peel Street and Queen's Road, where he will hold himself in readiness to serve any Gentlemen who may feel the necessity of having any tonorial operations performed.
Shaving, 25 cents.
Hair Cutting, 50
Shampooing, 50
Nothing but pure Vegetable Shampoo used in the Establishment; and it invigorates and beautifies the Hair.
Particular attention paid to setting Razors.
HONGKONG, February 4, 1868.

TO BE LET.
A HOUSE in Queen's Road, commanding North side, and facing the Harbour, with a good view of the Island, and containing eight good Rooms with Bath Rooms, Verandahs, front and back, Kitchens, Servant's Rooms and Godowns on ground Floor.
Apply to
TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, February 4, 1868.

SELLING OFF! SELLING OFF!!
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GREAT SACRIFICES!!!
SPLendid Bargains!!!
MULLER & CLAUSSEN
DES to announce that they are Selling OFF their stocks of the undermentioned GOODS at Invoice prices, consisting of—
Black Cloth Dress FROCK and Walking
Melton and Angola, Walking, Shooting and SAG COATS.
Malton and Whiny YACHT JACKETS and OVER COATS.
Black Dress TROUSERS.
Fancy Buckskin, Angola and Tweed TROUSERS.
Alpaca and Merino COATS.
White and Colored Linen TROUSERS.
Black Dress VESTS.
Buckskin and Angola VESTS.
Merino and Alpaca VESTS.
White Marcella and Linen VESTS.
Colored Linen VESTS.
A large lot of PIGEON GOODS, comprising—
Black and Blue Broad CLOTHS and DOCK KINS.
MELTONS, BUCKSKINS, ANGOLAS, TWEEDS and FLANNELS, of this Season's Patterns.
Also a new assortment of HOSIERY and SHIRTS of—
LONG CLOTH, with Linen FRONTS, &c. Silk and Wool SHIRTS.
Merino, Cotton, Lumbard and Flannel DRAWERS and UNDER VESTS.
Merino, Cotton and Lambwool HALF HOSE.
LADIES' COTTON HOSE.
Dent's Kid and Driving GLOVES.
COLLARS, SCARFS, TIES, Chokers BELTS and Cambric HANDKERCHIEFS.
Christy's Shell, Shell and Felt HATS, in the latest Shapes.
DAVISON'S BOOTS and SHOES.
UMBRELLAS, Walking STICKS, Cloth and Hair BRUSHES.
PERFUMERY, Fancy SOAPS, And a great variety of other GOODS.
MULLER & CLAUSSEN, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, February 6, 1868.

GREY ANAB HORSE FOR SALE.
FOURTEEN Hands and upwards, quiet to ride or drive, and carries a Lady well; age under 7 years. Price very moderate.
Apply by Letter to "X. Y." Office of this Paper.
HONGKONG, February 4, 1868.

DESSERT CLARET in cases one dozen each.
CHATEAU MARGAUX, \$15.
CHATEAU LEVILLE, \$13.
CHATEAU D'YSAN, \$9.
Also,
Breakfast CLARET, \$4.
G. DUBOIS & Co.
Hongkong, January 31, 1868.

FOR SALE.
A FEW cases of very superior SHERRY, just received ex "Channel Queen."
V S A 1 Superior Amontillado SHERRY in 3 doz. cases.
H 1 Superior Oloroso SHERRY in 3 doz. cases.
H 1 Extra Superior SHERRY in 2 doz. cases.
H 1 Quarter-cask (cased) Superior S O S Ol-oso SHERRY.
Apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, January 27, 1868.

New Advertisements.

HONGKONG HOTEL.
THIS HOTEL will be OPENED on or about the 1st of March next. Rooms can now be engaged. Apply upon the Premises, to
C. S. DUGGAN, Manager.
Hongkong, February 6, 1868.

New Advertisements.

HONGKONG CLUB.
THE Annual General MEETING of Members of the Hongkong Club will be held at the Club House, on WEDNESDAY, the 12th February, at half-past 5 p.m. By order of the General Committee,
GEORGE B. AYLMORE, Secretary.
Hongkong Club, 4th February, 1868.

New Advertisements.

FOR SALE.
COPPER SHEATHING, from 16 to 28 Oz. with NAILS.
THOS. HUNT & Co.
Hongkong, January 24, 1868.

FOR SALE.
IRON WATER TANKS, of 400 gallons each. Apply to
REYNOLDS BROTHERS & Co.
Hongkong, February 3, 1868.

FOR SALE.
150 CASES Martine's Aromatic BITTERS, superior quality.
100 cases SHERRY.
100 " PORT.
MULLER & CLAUSSEN.
Hongkong, January 13, 1868.

FOR SALE.
V. S. D. S. Very Superior DRY SHERRY in 2 doz. cases.
R. W. W. Superior DRY SHERRY S. P. S. in 2 doz. cases.
Just received ex "THE TWEED."
Apply to
MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1868.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.
MAILS will close—
For SAN FRANCISCO, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at 2 p.m.
For BANGKOK, on Thursday, the 13th inst., at 4 p.m.
For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW, on Thursday, the 13th inst., at 4 p.m.
For YESSO, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at 4 p.m.
For SWATOW & FOCHOW, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at 4 p.m.

UNDER DESPATCH.
For San Francisco.—Per James Guthrie, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at 3 p.m.
For Bangkok.—Per Jay, To-morrow, the 11th instant, at 5 p.m.
For Swatow, Amoy and Fouchow.—Per Yesso, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at 10 a.m.
For Swatow and Fouchow.—Per Fuchow, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at 5 p.m.

LATEST SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.
Feb. 8, Ernest Hamb, 3-masted schooner, from Hamburg, reports bad strong West-early gales from 27th Sept. until 4th Oct.; crossed the Equator on 2nd Nov. in long. 31.17 W.; passed the meridian of the Cape of Good Hope on 30th Nov. in lat. 39.10 S.; passed Amsterdam on 16th Dec. and came to Ombay and Gilolo passage on 20th Jan. saw the Ridge Island on 26th Jan. fine weather, wind from S.E. rounding to N.E. until Formosa Channel, when it veered to West for 18 hours, from thence had N.E. wind until arrival in port on 9th Feb. 184 days out.

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QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 10th February, 1868.
OPIMUM.—Patna, New, ... 687 1/2
Old, ... 675 1/2
Benares, New, ... 677 1/2
Old, ... 672 1/2
Malwa, ... 725

Exchange.
Bank, 6 months sight, ... 4/8
Credits 6, ... 4/8 1/2
On Calcutta, 3 days sight, Rs. 219
Bombay, 3 days sight, Rs. 218 1/2 a 219
Shanghai, 3 days sight Bank, Tls. 74
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 11 1/4 per c. pro.
Sycee, ... 2 1/2 per c. pro.
Mexicans, ... 23.60 per tal.
Gold Leaf, 98 touch, ... 23.35
English Sovereigns, ... 4.00 a 4.05
Australian Sovereigns, ... 8
Discount, ... 9 A.M. 3 p.m.

Gas Company Shares, 40 per Share.
H. & W. pao dook, Old, 25 per cent. pa.
Do. do. New, 15 per cent. pa.
H. & S. Bank Shares, Old, 13 per cent. pa.
Do. do. New, 2
Union Dock Shares, ... 27 1/2 per cent. dis.

Temperature.
HONGKONG, 10th February, 1868.
Barometer, ... 30.183 30.092
Attached Thermometer, ... 62 64
Dry Bulb, ... 62.5 65.0
Wet Bulb, ... 58.0 61.0
Maximum S. Egr., ... 67.0
Minimum S. Egr., ... 58.0
Max. Sun's Rays, ... 82
Minimum on Grass, ... 53.0
Previous Rain on Ground, 0.00
24 hours, ... above, 0.00
Wind, ... E. N.E.
Force, ... 2 2
Clouds, ... 4 4
Weather, ... Dull. Fina.

NOTES AND QUERIES ON CHINA AND JAPAN.
No. 1, Vol. 2, is now ready.
Price, \$6.00 or £1.5-0 per annum.
Hongkong: C. A. SAINT.
London: N. THOMES & Co.

Early orders for back numbers of this popular periodical are requested, as the edition is nearly exhausted.

BIRTH.
On the 22nd ultimo, at Fochow, the wife of W. F. GARTON, Esq., of a Son.

MARRIAGE.
At Swatow, on February 1st, by G. W. CALES, Esq., H. B. M. Consul, Mr. FRANKS BUCHANAN of Exeter, Devon, to Miss EMMA BUCKLEY of Great Marlow, Bucks, England.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEB. 10, 1868.

THE PRAYA QUESTION.

The verdict in the case of the Queen v. Webster's trustees, heard on Friday last, may, we imagine, be taken as setting at rest the much vexed question as to the liability of the "marine" lot-holders to maintain the Praya. It is, of course, open to His Excellency the Governor to institute a suit in Equity and, if possible, obtain a verdict which shall reverse that given at common law. But the question being settled at common law, we very much doubt whether Sir Richard Macdonnell will carry the suit any further.

As the matter now stands, even after this decision, it is to a certain extent unsatisfactory. The case stands thus:—A lease was selected, the form of which was supposed to be more clearly in favor of the interpretation officially put upon the liabilities of marine lot-holders than that of any other—there being 8 or 9 differing in their precise wording. The verdict recorded is, however, in favor of the lot-holders, and if no further attempt be made to enforce the Government interpretation, the matter will rest where it now lies. It can scarcely be supposed that additional actions will be brought upon all of the differing leases, the provisions of each of which are admitted to be less favorable to the chains set up by the Government than that in the case just concluded. So far, therefore, as common law is concerned, the issue may be held to be fairly decided and set at rest. The only question which remains for consideration is the advisability of carrying it into equity, and here the "unsatisfactory" conditions we allude to. Presuming that the case were retried in equity, and a verdict obtained in favor of the Government, the very circumstance of the lease discussed being most in favor of the official view, would render it least binding upon other lot-holders, who would in turn dispute their liability individually in equity. To obtain a reversal of the present verdict would therefore be almost trifling to make it worth while to have the case re-heard on its own merits, and a verdict against the defendants affording no presumption against each lot holder separately disputing his liability on other lease. We cannot of course foretell the view which may be taken by the responsible legal advisor of the Colonial Government, but we anticipate that he will scarcely propose a re-opening of this case or the endeavor to enforce liability for Praya repairs upon other lot holders similarly situated to the defendants.

In the hearing of the case, the Chief Justice displayed an earnest desire to touch upon every point in the slightest degree bearing upon it. This has been freely commented upon in some quarters, and certainly in some particular bordering upon irrelevance. Considering however the frank admission of documentary evidence by Mr. Whyte, the unavoidably complicated nature of some of the evidence, and the vague wording of the lease

itself, we can hardly regard his Lordship's action as other than that dictated by a laudable anxiety to do the fullest justice to the case which, though it might not in strictness legally, will be hope practically, and the matter. And even although in his direction to the Jury the Chief Justice was certainly betrayed into a wandering from the actual points at issue, that does not affect the value of his comments on the material matters of the case; and making allowances for much difficulty, we are rather disposed to compliment his patience and general care than to carp at defects.

Assuming however that the government accepts its defeat, the question which remains is, how the Praya is to be maintained. Whether it is to be a general charge upon the funds of the colony or whether it is to be paid for by a special rate. It is perhaps too early as yet to discuss this part of the matter, but as it is one which must sooner or later force itself upon the attention of the colony, it may be well to advert to it as a subject for discussion and consideration. Much depends upon the estimates for its repair and maintenance, and until these are before us, we can necessarily say but little. We therefore reserve its consideration for a future issue.

Our morning contemporary of this day indulges in a remark so peculiar (not to say offensive) that it would be a pity not to ensure it a wider circulation. In speaking of the recent action between the government and the marine lot holders, it says:—

"The notion that seven special jurors in Hongkong, however they might have been selected, would have given a verdict in favour of the Government and against the marine lot holders, under any possible circumstances, and no matter what the course of the legal arguments might be, was a joke simply from the first. When it was seen that of the seven gentlemen on the jury, THREE WERE BROKERS, the absurdity of imagining that, in any possible combination of circumstances, the verdict could go against the merchants, was enhanced. The wildest imagination fails to depict the reception they would have encountered round the town next day, if the verdict had been of a different colour from that actually produced."

This may be a joke on the part of the writer, as he supposes it to have been on the part of those responsible for summoning the said jury; but we can only say that it is a great deal too much like accusing the three gentlemen in question of being ready to commit wilful perjury to quite pass muster as a mere harmless attempt to excite laughter. If it be seriously meant that any one of the jury-men would break his oath because he happened to be "a broker," the paragraph is simply—as regards the three gentlemen alluded to—scandalous and insulting. If it be meant as an attempt at wit, it is foolish; because outsiders may take it seriously; and, in any case, there is no foundation for the libel. Without some foundation, any such statement is witless. As there would be nothing comic in calling the Admiral a burglar, or the General a slave-dealer, so there can be none in calling Hongkong brokers, perjurers. It is not the brokers alone, however, who are slandered. It is the whole jury. For "no matter what the course of the legal arguments might be," even "seven special jurors" were prepared to disregard their oaths, if necessary. And a further compliment is paid to the moral sentiment of the "town," by the insinuation that if they "in any possible combination of circumstances," had found a verdict for the Crown, they would have been censured! Censured, that is, should they have preferred observing their oaths, to doing a small bit of business "pligins." Such insinuations may be excusable as chaff at the dinner-table, in the absence of more interesting topics, but they ought not to find expression in a newspaper.

We insert under its proper heading the latest news from Japan, which is rather sensational in its nature. In addition to the items quoted by us, there is another piece of news in circulation to the effect that the Japanese have fired into a French or American Man-of-War, and that all foreigners at Higo and Osaka have taken refuge on board the men-of-war. We are, however, unable to trace the report to any authentic source.

From the officers on board H. M. S. Rodney, we have ascertained the following regarding the state of affairs:—

We left the country about Osaka in a very disturbed state. The forces of Prince Satsuma and the Teycon had been collecting in the vicinity of Osaka for some time previously, and on the 29th ulto. we received intelligence of their having engaged the result. By signal from H. M. S. Rattler, which ship was at anchor off Osaka when we left, we learnt that it was absolutely necessary for the Embassy to embark; when the Rodney left the steam launch and the boat of the Ocean had gone in to Osaka for the purpose of enlarging the embassy. On the night of the 31st, we observed two very large fires in Osaka, which were burning when we left. Sir Harry Parkes and staff will remain, until matters are quiet on board H. M. S. Ocean.

We to-day received a copy of the printed pamphlet containing papers relating to the Hongkong Military Contribution, and the petition for its abolition prepared and published under the authority of the Hongkong Association for promoting the interests of the Colony. The petition had better be withdrawn. It will simply subject the colony to deserved ridicule. The tax is hard to bear, no doubt, but there are some peculiar

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the slave, I say again, was distressed of to-day. It was again a Saturday, and having driven to the city, I found the officers of the Sea Wall. His Worship remarked that his supposed prisoner asked whether the Priya Wall stood or not; and as its repairs cost a great deal more than whom fell the expense, he would fine him ten or fifteen days' imprisonment. The prisoners were charged by Inspector James to be gambling in what he thought was a public place, and that the prisoners had been fined before for gambling. His Worship observed that, if the prisoner could not prove that the prisoners were engaged in a public gambling-house, he could do nothing in the matter. The same way as a foreigner was perfectly

merchants at this port. Its deficit is
eared to be about Tls. 40,000, and for-
eigners hold its paper to half the amount.
We hear that the Commander of H. M.
boat *Hecce* went on shore for a shoot-
ing excursion, and directly he had fired
this gun was set on by three Chinamen.
The boat was fired at, and the com-
mander of the Jucks, who sat on the Chinese
gave them a hearty thrashing.

Shanghai Evening Express.
by the Overland Courier via Chinkiang
have Peking dates to 24th January.
correspondent writes:—"I have no
whenever to communicate by this op-
portunity." For the last six weeks the house
have been covered with snow and so

Yotobanashi is still cherished in the country and particularly pruned with the theme of the questions presented with it. It is said to be near the present-day Yotobanashi, to keep a check over it and put it right. It is a very important part of the festival, and is the best informed among the manner and style of the festival. The present-day Yotobanashi is a boy, and therefore different from the Yotobanashi of the past.

Government steamer, the *Eagle*, got up
and went in pursuit, and overhauled
just within sight of Yokohama, brought
to and engaged her. The rebel steamer
was much smaller than her opponent,
and she had some better practices with her
guns, so that the smaller vessel beheld
entirely with her. "No one knew,"
said he, "what was the meaning of it all, but
they had they known that the little steamer
announced the desperado, it would have
made no difference. The big Government
steamer ought to have had it all her own
way. This hadn't. She got killed
after a time, and the fore rigging was shot
slightly damaged. The rebel steamer
in her end had told on the smaller vessel,
and the end, the *Eagle* turned back,

leading many years, to his foreign lands, both now in Siam, himself, the stationary and acting Consuls, and consular officers of various distinguished nations. Treaty Power with Siam, and certain treaty persons under our salary, in certain many instance here, and several Gentlemen who are residents in Siam, and various nations, the Priests and teachers of religions, Masters and Masters of schools, Workmen and Merchants, and now abroad in various foreign countries and ports, who are our friends and common friends, acquainted by or ever having had correspondences usually with us some time or ever had friendly personal interview with us some

porters, these guns being larger than
 now in use in the Queen's service. She
 is fitted with two screws, and is to be
 iron-keeled, and will be built in pro-
 portion to her bulk, which will be
 between three and four thousand tons. She
 will be available as a ram, and will be one
 of the most formidable vessels afloat.
 The contract for her by the Admiralty
 will be fitted with many improvements.
 The Admiralty have also ordered to be
 found in Admiralty vessels, the aid and
 assistance of the Royal Naval Academy
 and the Royal Naval School of Artillery
 have been taken into consideration
 the variations from the Admiralty
 standards. The contract price is within the
 limit, namely, £125,000, of which amount
 the Home Government will pay £110,000,
 and will take the Victoria at £15,000; so

Post-Office Notifications.

MAILS BY THE "CHINA."
The Contract Packet "CHINA" will be dispatched with the usual Mails for Europe, &c., on WEDNESDAY, the 12th inst., at 7 A.M., and the Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Letters for Registration, Newspapers, Books, &c., until 9 P.M. on the 11th inst.; Letters, &c., may be posted in the night box from 9 P.M. on the 11th inst. until 5 A.M. on the following morning.

All Letters posted between 5 and 6 A.M. on the 12th inst. will be chargeable, in addition to the usual postage, with a *late fee* of 18 cents.

The latest time for posting Letters at this Office is 6 A.M. and for Newspapers, Books, or Patterns 5 A.M. on the 12th inst.

Further late letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom and Colonies, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet from 6.30 to 6.50 A.M. on payment of a late fee of 48 cents each, in addition to the postage, after which no Letters can be received.

Sealed Boxes containing the correspondence of Box Holders will be received at the window set apart for the purpose, on the East Side of the building.

All correspondence for places to which prepayment is compulsory must be prepaid in Hongkong Postage Stamps.

Insufficiently stamped Letters addressed to the United Kingdom will be sent on, charged with a fine of One Shilling in addition to the postage.

Letters posted after 5 A.M. will not be forwarded unless the *late fee* as well as the postage is prepaid.

Letters insufficiently stamped or unaddressed to places to which they cannot be forwarded unpaid, will be opened and returned to the writers as early as possible, but no guarantee can be given that such Letters, if posted after 5 P.M. on the 11th inst. will be retained until after the mail is closed.

Postage Stamps should be placed on the upper right hand corner of the correspondence, except in cases where they may be used in payment of "Late Fees," when the Stamp or Stamps representing the late fee should be placed on the lower left-hand corner.

All transactions in fractional parts of a Dollar will be conducted in the Coins prescribed by Ordinance 1, of 1864, and the Proclamation of the 22nd January, 1864, and no other Coins, but those therein specified will either be received or given in change as fractional parts of a Dollar.

Payment for Postage Stamps must be made in the current Dollars of the Colony or Bank Notes.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post-Office,
Hongkong, February 3, 1868.

THE subjoined Transcript of a Telegram from the General Post Office in London, which was received by the Undersigned this day, is published for general information.

P. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, Feb. 3, 1868.

[COPY.]

From London To Point de Galle,
Postmaster.
Advise Australian Post-masters and Company Agents that a more favorable arrangement of dates for Australian Mail than that shown by time table has been made. Onward (outward) Mails for China and Australia will leave seven days later (later) than dates in time table; homeward Australian Mails will leave on (one) day earlier than in time table. First outward Mails to Australia on the new plan will leave Southampton twenty-first of March; 1st homeward Mail from Australia under new plan will leave Sydney twenty-eighth of March. Stay of vessels at Ceylon will be shortened. Intervals for replies in Australia and London will be much shortened. Advise also Bombay, Calcutta and China. Particulars by to-day's Mail.

10. 1 P.M.
13. 1.55.
(Signed) THOS. AUSTIN,
In Charge.

Tel. Office,
Galle, 13th January, 1868.
True Copy.
(Signed) F. BAYLEY,
Agent.

Intimations.

NOTICE.
OUR Shiphandlery Business has now been removed to Praya, No. 30 and 31, the Premises formerly occupied by Messrs. PETERSEN, BROTHERS & Co., Successors to Messrs. JOHN STUART & Co., Hongkong, February 3, 1868.

NOTICE.
THE OFFICE of Messrs. AUGUSTUS HEARD & Co. have this day been removed to their old Premises adjoining the Cathedral.
Hongkong, December 28, 1867.

REMOVAL.
THE Undersigned has this day Removed their STORE from Praya East to the PREMISES No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD Central, formerly occupied by the CENTRAL BANK OF WEST INDIA.
HONGKONG, 6th December, 1867.

NOTICE.
THE OFFICE of the Undersigned is REMOVED to GAGE STREET, Corner of YINDHAT Terrace.
REYNOLDS, BROTHERS & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

VIEW OF HONGKONG.
MR. BAPTISTA begs to inform the Residents of Hongkong that he will be prepared to receive orders for COLOURING the Lithographic View of Hongkong issued with the *Overland China Mail* of 16th Nov. at the following rates—
Full Coloured, \$5.
Shaded in Pencil, \$3.50.
A Specimen of the Full Coloured Lithograph can be seen at this Office.
Hongkong, November 7, 1867.

Intimations.

Published weekly.—Subscription (Exclusive of postage) 12s. 12 per annum; payable in advance.

SUPREME COURT AND CONSULAR GAZETTE,
AND
LAW REPORTER FOR THE SUPREME AND PROVINCIAL COURTS OF CHINA

THE Gazette is a General Weekly Newspaper, containing Officially Revised Reports of Cases heard at the Supreme and Consular Courts, Police Cases, and Proceedings in Bankruptcy; Original Articles; Notes and Queries on Legal points; Reports of Public Meetings; News of the Week; Commercial Summary, &c., &c.
Advertisements will be charged 1s. 1 per 10 lines, for the first insertion, and 50 cts. per 10 lines, for each subsequent insertion.
Shanghai, January, 1867.

GEORGE GLASSE,
(FIVE YEARS MANAGER TO) KINGSFORD & CO., PICCADILLY, LONDON, AND 28, PLACE VENDOME, PARIS

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN CHEMIST
VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS
SUPPLIED & REFITTED.

ILLINGWORTH & Co., having established themselves at West Point, next below the HONGKONG and CHINA CO. ST., are prepared to do all kinds of ENGINE AND BOILER WORK;

SHIPMITS' WORK
of any description.

They have also erected a FOUNDRY on the Premises, and are prepared to execute all kinds of IRON AND BRASS CASTINGS.

And hope that by a strict attention to business and moderate charges, to merit a share of the public patronage.

Hongkong, August 22, 1867.

MR. WILLIAM GASKELL,
ATTORNEY, SOLICITOR, PROCTOR AND NOTARY PUBLIC.

REMOVED to No. 2, CLUB CHAMBERS, D'ARQUER STREET.

Opposite Messrs. DOUGLAS LAPELLE & Co. Hongkong, August 22, 1866.

TO HOUSE-KEEPERS & SHIPMASTERS.

PATERSON & HANDLEY,
House and Ship Plumbers, Copper and Zinc Workers, and Gas Fitters, 10, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, and Acheong's Yard, Praya West.

Hongkong, November 4, 1867.

BOWRA & Co.,
ANTIQUESS, SHIP CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

Water Boats in constant readiness to supply Ships with Pure Fresh Water. Sails made and repaired on the Premises.

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BROWN, JONES & Co.,
UNIVERSAL SHIP AND HEAD STONES, ERECTED, in the Best Style, LEAD AND METALLIC COFFINS, on the Shortest Notice.

Apply to C. M. BROWNE, Hollywood Road, Corner of Aberdeen St.

WM. DOLAN,
SAIL MAKER, &c., DUNDRELL STREET, (Opposite French Consulate.) Hongkong, April 2, 1866.

WANTED BY A YOUNG MAN, a situation as Clerk or Book-keeper. A nominal salary would be accepted, immediate employment being a greater object. Highest references can be given. Address "R." China Mail Office. Hongkong, December 27, 1867.

WANTED
BY A Gentleman just arrived, a Situation as BOOK-KEEPER and ACCOUNTANT. Good shorthand writer; thoroughly understands Shipping and Insurance. Address "H. B. B." Office of this paper. Hongkong, January 18, 1868.

Hongkong Lightering and Storage Co.
THE above Company is now prepared to LAND or SHIP Cargo in first class Lighters, and to take the entire discharge of Ships by Contract. Also to STORE Goods in first class Granite Godowns at moderate Rates.

J. S. HOOK, SON & Co.,
Managers.
Hongkong, December 17, 1867.

FRENCH
THE Advertiser, a PARISIAN, is desirous of giving some French Lessons on moderate terms. Address X. X., care of Office of this Paper. Hongkong, September 25, 1867.

AT the request of the Undersigned, Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., have taken temporary charge of the following Insurance Companies:—
Phoenix Assurance Company.
Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company.
Universal Marine Insurance Company Limited.

SMITH, KENNEDY & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 2, 1867.

THE Undersigned is ready to receive Tenders for the CONVEYANCE of the undermentioned Stores to Yokohama:—
POWDER, 150 boxes.
LIME JUICE, 60 boxes.

ALF. H. PRIOR,
Naval & Victualling Storekeeper, H. M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, December 13, 1867.

Intimations.

THE Members of the late Hongkong Volunteer Corps are hereby requested to return without delay to the Undersigned the RIFLES they have been allowed to retain pending sanction for their purchase, the same not having been allowed.

Hongkong, March 13, 1867.

SAILORS' HOME, WEST POINT.
Trustees.

The Hon. J. WHITALL, Esq.,
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Directors.
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Committee of Management.
The Hon. J. WHITALL, Esq., Chairman,
THOS. SUTHERLAND, Esq.,
G. J. HELLAND, Esq.

Donations of Books, Periodicals, Newspapers, Clothes, &c., will be most thankfully received.

By order of the Board of Directors, J. B. ENDICOTT, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 24, 1868.

THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG & WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

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By order of the Board of Directors, VICTOR KRESSER, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 21, 1868.

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NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

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Shanghai, September 23, 1867.

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS CO., LIMITED.

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A. NEWTON, Manager.

Hongkong, November 26, 1867.

NOTICE.
MR. N. J. EDE having resigned the Acting Secretaryship of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Mr. C. D. WILLIAMS is this day appointed Secretary, and is authorized to sign Policies of Insurance on behalf of the Society. The offices of the company are now those lately occupied by Messrs. LAYALL, STILL & Co.

(Signed) W. KESWICK, Chairman of the Committee.

Hongkong, July 4, 1867.

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EDMUND H. HOLMES, Proprietor.

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EDWARD PARKER, Late Albion.

Hongkong, May 20, 1867.

DAVID BROWNE, (LATE MANAGER OF THE ALBION HOTEL), DESires to inform his Friends and the Public that he has opened the above Bar and Bowling Alleys, and trusts by strict attention to Business, and the comfort of visitors, to merit a share of their patronage. Good Fancy Drinks of every Description.

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Hongkong, February 1, 1868.

Intimations.

THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG & WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to take notice that the Fourth CALL of Two Hundred Dollars is made in two Instalments of One Hundred Dollars each per Share. First of which will fall due on the 15th of March, and the second on the 30th of April next, and will be payable at the Office of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Queen's Road, Hongkong, where Receipts for the payment thereof will be granted by the Manager.

Interest at the rate of twelve per centum per annum will be charged after the above dates.

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EX MAIL STEAMER.
YON SAUSAGES in best condition. CHEESE and HAMS.

Assorted French CONFECTIONARY. Malaga RAISINS in bottles and tins. ALMONDS in shells.

Feaked ALMONDS in tins. Figs in tins. PRUNES in bottles. Smoked Pomeranian GOOSEBERRY STS.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. Hongkong, December 20, 1867.

FOR SALE.
Just Arrived.
BROADWOOD'S Grand PIANOS, may be had at Wholesale Price.

Address "A." Office of this paper. Hongkong, December 31, 1867.

HENDRIE, PRISSE & LUNIS'S Fine Assortment of PERFUMES.

Also, Dawson & Sons' BOOTS. For Sale, at greatly Reduced Prices, by JULES BUZIERE, Hair Dressing Room, Up-stairs. Hongkong, December 4, 1867.

FOR SALE.
At the West Point Foundry and MACHINE SHOP, SHEET COPPER, 30 by 60 and 36 by 48.

STEAM and VACUUM GAUGES. GAUGE GLASSES, all sizes. SALINOMETERS.

BAIT and ANGLE IRON of sizes. LOWMOON and THORNTON'S BOILER IRON PLATES.

Also, One Pair of CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS, suitable for Dock purposes.

ILLINGWORTH & Co. Hongkong, November 6, 1867.

FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED.
HARMONIUMS and other Musical INSTRUMENTS.

Christy Minstrel's SONGS. Pianoforte OPERAS.

VIOLIN and other STRINGS, &c., &c. INSTRUMENTS tuned and repaired.

O. WAGNER, 28, Hollywood Road. Hongkong, August 4, 1867.

FOR SALE.
MUNTZ Yellow METAL, 20/28 oz. and NAILS.

Apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, June 14, 1867.

FOR SALE.
Ex late Arrivals.
PRIME California CHEESE.

Do, Gruyere Do. Do, California BUTTER.

100 barrels Prime Hamburg MEAT PORK. Prime Westphalia HAMS, at LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. Hongkong, December 20, 1867.

FOR SALE.
A SMALL Lot of Superior Old PORT WINE. Th. Cy. Sandeman, Oporto.